

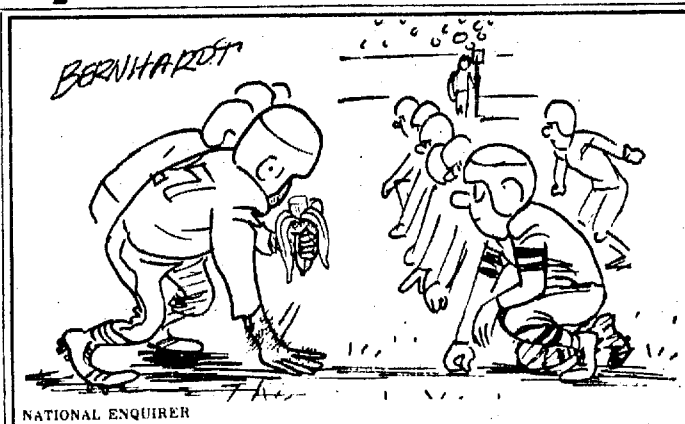
Former Top Administrator Reveals: *CIA Secretly Uses Psychics & Mediums*

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In a secret program more incredible than the wildest James Bond movie, the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) has been using mediums to try to contact dead agents from both sides of the Iron Curtain, says a former top CIA administrator.

And in other mind-boggling experiments, he says, the agency has also used psychics to try to probe the minds of Russian leaders.

Victor Marchetti, a 14-year former CIA official, told The ENQUIRER that the bizarre story of the CIA's involve-



ment with the supernatural began 15 years ago — after the agency's best double agent had been caught and killed by the Russians.

"The CIA had a very successful but short-lived agent named Olag Penkovsky, a Russian KGB colonel," recalled Marchetti, who served as executive assistant to the deputy director of the CIA before retiring in 1969.

The Russian agent lasted little more than a year before he was arrested, tried and executed by the Soviets.

"After he was killed, somebody said, 'Why don't we try and contact him?' That's how they got involved with mediums," Marchetti revealed.

The success or failure of efforts to contact Penkovsky is still a closely guarded secret. But it is believed that the experiment expanded into a full-scale program.

"They began to contact our own dead agents, as well as dead agents from the other side," said Marchetti.

Marchetti said that at one point word flashed through the agency that contact had been made with the famous Major Popov, a Russian agent who disappeared in the 1950s.

As far back as the 1950s, the

agency was using psychics to try to find out what Kremlin leaders were thinking and planning, Marchetti said.

Once, the CIA "even looked for sets of identical twins in Russia — because they supposedly had the power to read each other's minds," claimed Marchetti.

"To the best of my knowledge, they did, in fact, stumble across a set of twins where one defected — although I don't know what happened."

The CIA refuses to comment on the alleged programs, but Marchetti says:

"There is no indication that they have stopped, and no reason why they would."